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NEW ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION DISTRIBUTES MANIFESTO -- Rome, Bollettino Danubiano, 29 Jan 51

Agents of Sofia's special militia have been trying for about a month to arrest the authors of an anti-Soviet manifesto which is being vicely distributed in Bulgaria. The manifesto, signed by an organization calling itself the "Anti-Bolshevik Legion for National Liberation," appeals to the Bulgarian people to resist the abuses of the ruling regime and assures them that the "day of justice is approaching."

The emblem of the legion printed on the manifesto shows a lion holding a cross. Around the lion is the inscription, "National Bulgarian Liberation Front."

The organization has many branches throughout Bulgaria. This is indicated by the fact that the militia has been conducting investigations simultaneously in various cities and in villages near Bulgaria's borders.

6 ARMY OFFICERS SENTENCED -- Rome, Bollettino Danubiano, 29 Jan 51

Six officers of the Pleven garrison were sentenced to death in December 1950 for plotting against the Bulgarian government and two other officers were shot in Sofia on 10 January 1951. The latter were caught while attempting to escape to Turkey.

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